



OFFICIAL GAME INFORMATION



Kansas City Monarchs (37-27) at Sioux City Explorers (32-34)

#3 RHP Jalen Miller (7-2, 3.39) at #35 RHP Heitor Tokar (2-1, 5.94)

Game 67 / Home Game 32

7/28/23- 7:05 pm—Mercy One Field at Lewis and Clark Park, Sioux City, IA

Series: Game 1 of 3

TV: aabaseball.tv - Radio: KSCJ Australia Broadcast: On Demand

2023 QUICK LOOK

Home Record	19-13
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Sweeps/swept	4-4
First Half	25-25
Second Half	7-9
vs. East	12-14
vs. West	20-20
vs. RH starters	21-23
vs. LH starters	11-11
Starting RH	20-23
Starting LH	12-11
Scoring first	21-11
Opp. scores first	11-23
Score in first	12-5
Opp. Scores in first	6-14
Leading after 6	22-8
Leading after 7	22-4
Leading after 8	20-2
Trailing after 6	0-23
Trailing after 7	0-27
Trailing after 8	0-25
Tied after 6	9-3
Tied after 7	5-2
Tied after 8	4-6
Extra-innings	3-6
One-run games	10-16
SC scores 5 or more	21-11
SC scores 4	3-5
SC scores 3	3-7
SC scores 2 or fewer	5-11
Opp. scores 5 or more	8-26
Opp. scores 4	1-3
Opp. scores 3	2-4
Opp. scores 2 or fewer	21-1
Come-from-behind wins	1-8
Run differential	+16
Runs scored	335
Runs/game	5.12
Runs allowed	319
Runs allowed/game	4.86
When hitting HR	17-17
Without hitting HR	15-16
Home streak	L3
Road streak	L3
Commit 0 errors	20-14
Commit 1 error	5-11
Commit 2 errors	8-7
Commit 3 errors	0-2
Commit 4+ errors	
Walk 4 or more times	16-21
Allow 4 or more walks	12-20
Starter leaves with lead	23-9
Starter leaves trailing	4-20
Starter leaves tied	5-5
Opp. Starter leaves leading	5-25
Opp. Starter leaves trailing	21-7
Opp. Starter leaves tied	6-2
SC Starter more IP	20-9
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X'S HEADLINES

LAST NIGHT: It was another rough loss for the Sioux City Explorers (32-34) as they lost 3-2 to the Winnipeg Goldeyes (28-37) in game three of the series. The Goldeyes swept the series following their win and handed the Explorers their sixth straight loss. The Sioux Falls Canaries closed the gap to two games between them and Sioux City following the night's games as the middle of the West Division remains tight knit.

TODAY: The Explorers return home to face the West Division leading Kansas City Monarchs in game one of a three game series.

PITCHING MATCHUP: #35 RHP Heitor Tokar (2-1, 5.94) once again is thrust into the rotation for Sioux City while Kansas City will send out #3 RHP Jalen Miller (7-2, 3.39).

UP NEXT: Following the series with the Kansas City, the Explorers will stay home following a Monday off day July 31 and host the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks August 1-3.

AROUND THE CORNER: After the homestand the X's will travel to the Northwest Indiana area of Chicagoland and face the Gary SouthShore Railcats to start a six-game road trip.

VS. KC: The two teams are no strangers to big games with recent series in 2018, 2019 and 2021 all playoff matchups. The Monarchs won the Division Playoff series in 2018 and 2021 while Sioux City took the 2019 series. The X's lead the series over the years at 61-57 in the regular season in the American Association and went 7-5 last season. This year Sioux City holds the advantage 5-1 this season sweeping the series in the Siouxland opening weekend and taking two of three in the metro in late June.

GO WEST: The X's are in a stretch of two straight series within their West Division with the top two teams they are chasing in the ladder in Kansas City and Fargo-Moorhead. The next series out of the division comes when the team travels in Gary SouthShore next weekend.

ROSTER NEWS: The Explorers have placed RHP Kent Hasler on the Injured List.



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TALE OF THE TAPE

	X'S	MONARCHS
OFFENSE		
AVG	.257/10 th	.282/2 nd
RUNS	335/8 th	376/3 rd
HR	57/10 th	81/2 nd
Hits	558/9 th	613/3 rd
SB	88/7 th	102/5 th
BB	288/3 rd	286/4 th
SO	452/11 th	481/7 th
OBP	.354/8 th	.368/3 rd
PITCHING		
ERA	4.58/3 rd	4.64/3 rd
SO	582/1 st	546/2 nd
AVG	.235/1 st	.243/2 nd
Hits	512/12 th	529/11 th
ER	291/9 th	287/10 th
BB	265/8 th	260/6 th
WHIP	1.36/2 nd	1.42/3 rd
SAVES	14/T6 th	10/T 10 th
DEFENSE		
ERRORS	49/7 th	59/5 th
FLD%	.978/6 th	.973/T9 th

AA STANDINGS

	WEST			
Team	W	L	Strk.	GB
Kansas City	37	27	L4	-
Fargo-Moorhead	32	31	L2	4.5
Lincoln	32	32	L3	5.0
Sioux City	32	34	L6	6.0
Sioux Falls	30	36	W2	8.0
Winnipeg	28	37	W5	9.5
	EAST			
Team	W	L	Strk.	GB
Milwaukee	40	24	W3	-
Chicago	34	31	W4	6.5
Cleburne	33	33	L1	8.0
Kane County	32	33	W5	8.5
Lake Country	30	33	L3	9.5
Gary SouthShore	28	37	W1	12.5

All Time Record – 1,379-1,366

All Time AA Record – 841-782

NEXT FIVE

7/29	KC	#48 RHP Cody Deason (4-2, 4.14) at #32 RHP Solomon Bates (7-5, 3.71)	6:05p
7/30	KC	#29 Zach Matson (3-1, 3.94) at TBA	4:05p
7/31		OFF DAY	
8/1	FM	TBA at TBA	7:05p
8/2	FM	TBA at TBA	7:05p

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DOWNUNDER: One day after playing in another Commonwealth nation in Winnipeg tonight's game will be carried on the Australian Baseball League's On Demand platform for broadcast to baseball fans in Australia and world-wide from Iowa. There are plenty of Australian connections in the game tonight. Current Monarch Aaron Whitefield is a native of Queensland and becoming the 35th Australian to play Major League Baseball when he entered as a pinch runner in Minnesota's 10-3 loss to the Chicago White Sox on 25 July 2020. Explorers' reliever Nate Gercken played for the Perth Heat during the 20-21 season. Back on the Kansas City side lefty reliever Jordan Martinson pitched for Perth last season while former Big Leaguer Jacob Robson has played for Sydney and Melbourne.

MONGO IN OZ: One connection that is still stuff of legend in Western Australia is Sioux City Manager Steve Montgomery. "Mingo" when pitching with the Baltimore organization pitched for the Perth Heat in 1996-1997. That Heat club would win their second Claxton Shield the trophy the teams play for to claim Australia's highest baseball honor. Perth would finish with the regular season best record and the number one seed claiming home field in the playoffs. Unfortunately for the grand final, the WACA the storied cricket oval in Perth was being used for Sheffield Cricket competition and would force Perth to either play at a neutral site or play all the games at ANZ Stadium in Brisbane. The games were all played across the country in Queensland, but it did not faze the Heat or Steve Montgomery. Montgomery tossed seven innings in a game one series opening 9-1 win for the Heat. Mingo would post a 2.57 ERA for the regular season striking out 39 in 35 innings for Perth. Due to his commitments with the Baltimore organization Montgomery did not head West to celebrate with the Heat he had to race across the Pacific for spring training in North America. For the post season that year Montgomery would also get a win in the first round series against Sydney going five innings for Perth. In both games he was relieved by Shane Tonkin who has gone on to work in the game in Australia and currently is working with the ABL and consulting the Canberra club.

OTD IN X'S HISTORY: On July 28, 2005, the Explorers sunk the Winnipeg Goldeyes at Lewis and Clark Park 9-5. After the game Goldeye skipper Hal Lanier was still incensed at plate umpire Bruce Allen over balls and strikes. A close non-strike call set up the table for the X's to load the bases in the seventh and take firm control of the contest. From there Winnipeg would face 13 batters and burn three arms as the Explorers scored seven runs on the way to the win.

AA AND AUSTRALIA: There have been numerous connections of players who have played in the American Association and in the Australian Baseball League. The two leagues have a working agreement between the two parts of the world helping grow the game in both hemispheres. Last season Team Australia Manager Dave Nilsson was the hitting coach in Lake Country, but the list of players would cover the next two pages. There have been several Australian players in the league in recent years. The old T-Bones of Kansas City had pitchers Josh Tols and Sam Street while the St. Paul had closer Todd Van Steensel in their pen in 2019. Last season Kansas City featured former Big Leaguer Lewis Thorpe in their rotation.

HARD LUCK: The X's have had some hard luck in the loss department. Of the 34 losses so far this season, five have been in extra innings and 20 have been two runs or less or 59%.

THE DUGOUT LEADER: The X's are led by the winningest manager in team history Steve Montgomery. Montgomery enters his ninth season in Sioux City and has led the Explorers to the playoffs in five of his first eight seasons, including finals appearances in 2015 and 2019. He came into the season with a 452 – 347 record. His 2015 club holds the record for most league wins in a season at 75. "Mingo" became the winningest Manager in Explorers history on July 22, 2022, in a 7-4 win over the Lincoln Saltdogs at Haymarket Park. His 427th win passed Ed Nottle, who had held the record since 2007 after he managed the club for 10 seasons. Montgomery began his coaching career in 2004 as a pitching coach with the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks, and from 2005-2009, he also served as the pitching coach for North Dakota State University. In his 10 seasons as the pitching coach, the RedHawks compiled a 590-383 record, good for a .606 winning percentage. Montgomery spent nine seasons in professional baseball, playing in the Orioles, Royals, Dodgers and Red Sox organizations, reaching as high as Triple-A in 1997. He also played independent baseball in the Frontier and Northern Leagues.



SIoux CITY FLASHBACK: On July 28, 1949, the Sioux City Soos took the rubber game of their five game series with the Omaha Cardinals 5-4. They would then hop a train to Colorado to open the next series at Pueblo the next day. The Soos would take the series three games to two in a common affair of five game series in the 1940's. Vinnie DiLorenzo was the winner for Sioux City getting his 10th win of the season to go with nine losses. Dave Sayers provided three and a third relief innings for the Soos to close out the game. A sac fly in the fourth brought the go ahead run home and the combo of DiLorenzo and Sayers locked down the game from there in a 5-4 winner.

ON THE AIR: Dan Vaughan begins his first season as the broadcaster for Sioux City Explorers and his 11th season broadcasting in the American Association. Prior to coming to the Siouxland, Vaughan spent four years with the Gary SouthShore RailCats from 2013 -2016 and the last six seasons in Kansas City as the "voice of the Monarchs and T-Bones" from 2017-2022. On June 17 of this season Vaughan called his 900th American Association game. In the Australian summer he is one of the voices of the Perth Heat of the Australian Baseball League during the USA winters and co-host of *Talking Baseball Australia*. Vaughan has jumped headfirst into the exciting history of baseball in Sioux City and in the state of Iowa. A broadcast staple of his is the nightly feature of the *Sioux City Baseball Flashback*. Vaughan will look at a player or team from the long history of the great game on the area and tell that story. He can also be seen Monday through Friday on game days on "Explorers Espresso" on Facebook and YouTube Live. The show is a look back at the game before and a preview of that night's game. The X's will also unveil a booth camera this season for a behind the scenes look at the broadcast as it happens. The Explorers can be heard on radio locally at KSCJ 94.9 FM and 1360 AM and [online](http://www.aabaseball.tv) with the pregame beginning 30 minutes before first pitch. All Explorers games home and away will be streamed the league broadcast site www.aabaseball.tv. The site features live games and bonus content on the American Association. Explorers' fans will be able to hear the X's radio audio call of the road games on the league streaming site.

EXPLORERS STARTING PITCHER



RHP #35 – Heitor Tokar

HT: 6'6
 WT: 276 Lbs.
 Age: 26 (10/25/00)
 LS-2
 Acquired: Signed (5/2/23)
 Resides: Marilia, Brazil

Tokar is the youngest player on the team at only 22 years old. He started his career by signing with the Astros and playing in the Dominican Summer League in 2018 as a 17-year-old. He last pitched in High-A last year, struggling with an 8.02 ERA over the season.

Last season with High-A Asheville, he threw 76.1 IP with a 1.76 WHIP and 64 K over 20 games and 11 starts. The previous season, he split time between rookie ball and Class-A, working to a 4.50 ERA with a 1.15 WHIP across 52.0 IP.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tokar played 2019 at the rookie level, throwing 35.0 innings with a 2.83 ERA. He also struck out 29 batters while only walking 11 that year. The previous season was his first as a pro, playing in the Dominican Summer League at 17 years old. He went 43.1 IP with a stellar 1.66 ERA and 0.76 WHIP in his time there.

	W-L	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	BB/9	K/9	WHIP
2023:	2-1	5.94	17	5	53.0	55	39	35	22	49	3.7	8.3	1.294
AA Totals	2-1	5.94	17	5	53.0	55	39	35	22	49	3.7	8.3	1.294
Career:	11-10	5.12	79	30	261.2	262	174	149	85	232	2.9	8.0	1.326

2023 Season Splits

	W-L	ERA	G	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Home :	1-1	6.26	10	27.1	29	23	19	11	23
Away:	1-0	5.61	7	25.2	26	16	16	11	26
May:	0-1	5.51	6	16.1	21	14	10	7	13
June:	2-0	6.50	7	18.0	21	13	13	6	17
July:	0-0	5.79	4	18.2	13	12	12	9	19
August:									
Sept:									
Opposition Hitting									
	AVG.	SLG.	IP	H	BB	SO	HRA		
LHH:	.218	.307	22.1	19	9	26	2		
RHH:	.295	.532	30.2	36	13	23	6		

2023 Day by Day Starts

Date	Opp	R / Dec	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
6/15	GAR	W/W (1-0)	5.0	4	3	3	2	3
6/24	@FM	W/W (2-0)	4.0	4	1	1	2	4
7/1	@LIN	L/ND	4.0	0	1	1	3	5
7/6	CLE	W/ND	4.1	4	3	3	2	7
7/11	@LC	L/ND	5.0	5	4	4	2	2

Runs by Inning Starter

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
1	2	4	0	4	1	0	0	0	0

HITTERS NOTES



#37 Kyle Kasser

HT: 5'10 **WT:** 190 lbs **B/T:** L/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Brea, CA **LAST GAME:** 0-3, R, BB @ WIN 7/27

BORN: Oct. 12, 1995 **COLLEGE:** Oregon **LAST SERIES:** 2-10, R, 2 RBI, 2B, 2 BB @ WIN 7/25-7/27

Notes: Ended 11 game on-base streak 6/10, went 3-6 vs LIN 5/27, went 2-2 with 2 walks 6/13 vs GAR, recorded run and RBI in first game back from injury 7/8 vs CLE, hit two HR @ FM 7/14, 10-game on-base streak ended 7/15 @ FM, went 6-12 with 6 RBI and 3 XBH @ FM 7/14-7/16

Streak: -1 H / +4 OB

► **Overview:** Kyle Kasser is a 27-year-old second baseman entering his fifth season of professional baseball. He was drafted by the Royals in the 30th round of the 2018 MLB Draft, but moved to the Angels organization following the COVID year. He's coming off an interesting last season in the minors which saw him split time between the AAA and High-A affiliate of the Angels.

► **2022:** In 2022, Kasser played 28 games for AAA Salt Lake, ending his season there before joining the X's. In his time with the AAA team, he bat .299 with an .837 OPS across his 91 plate appearances. He spent a majority of the season with High-A Tri-City, still batting .272, but not seeing near the power numbers, holding a .309 SLG in High-A compared to the .442 he had at AAA.

► **2021:** He spent the entirety of 2021 in Tri-City after leaving the Royals organization, playing in 80 games and batting .251 with a .318 OBP over 314 plate appearances.

► **2019:** In his first full year of professional baseball, Kasser spent time with both the High-A and Class-A affiliates of the Royals in 2019. He played 62 games at High-A batting .303 with a .362 OBP over that span. In his limited time at Class-A Lexington, he bat .300 with a .400 OBP over nine games.

► **2018:** Kasser's first experience of professional baseball came in 2018, playing 42 games of rookie ball, lighting it up with a .357 batting average and 29 RBI.

► **ORE 2015-18:** Before playing professionally, Kasser started with the University of Oregon, playing four seasons including in 2017 when he bat .352 with an .844 OPS.



#1 Chase Harris

HT: 6'0 **WT:** 195 lbs **B/T:** R/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Boise, ID **LAST GAME:** 0-1, RBI, 2 BB, SF @ WIN 7/27

BORN: July 28, 1991 **COLLEGE:** New Mexico **LAST SERIES:** 3-9, R, 3 RBI, 2 BB, SO, SF, SB @ WIN 7/25-7/27

Notes: Went 2-4 with 2 R, 3 RBI on 6/7 vs SF, had 2 HR game vs LIN 5/27, named #19 on preseason top 25 players in AA, hit 2B and 3B in 2-4 outing @ KC 6/20, eight-game hit streak ended 6/22 @ KC, hit game-winning two-run HR 7/3 vs WIN, went 3-3 with a 2B vs LIN 7/22

Streak: -1 H / +5 OB

► **Overview:** Harris is the longest tenured position player on the X's roster, having joined the team in 2021. He enters the season as the #19 ranked player based on the American Association Preseason Top 25 Players List. Harris had a successful 2022 resulting in a .286 AVG with 7 HR and 13 SB. Harris has spent the last seven years in MLB partner leagues, first with the American Association in 2016, then joining the Canadian-American Association for a brief two-year stint between 2018-19 before rejoining the American Association with the Explorers. He originally was drafted in 2014 by the Philadelphia Phillies, reaching High-A before switching to the American Association.

► **X's 2021-22:** Harris is coming off a career year in 2022 with the X's which saw him bat .282 with a .378 OBP and .790 OPS. Throughout the season, he hit 7 HR and knocked in 30 RBIs, along with crossing the plate 49 times himself. In 2021 with the Explorers, he bat .251 with a .344 OBP while hitting 5 HR. In his age 29 season, he also set a career high in SB with 33 while crossing the plate 51 times.

► **2018-19:** In 2019, Harris played for the Rockland Boulders where he showed of his elite baserunning steals by swiping 26 bags in 28 tries. He experienced more of a struggle that season batting .218 with a .618 OPS after having a great season from the plate the previous year. Harris spent 2018 with the Ottawa Champions batting .296 with a .736 OPS.

► **AA 2017:** 2017 was the last year of his first stint in the American Association, playing in 96 games for Gary after arriving there the previous season. He bat .263 with a .334 OBP over his 352 plate appearances, collecting 29 RBIs and 27 stolen bases throughout the year.

► **AA 2016:** 2016 was his first year out of the minors, signing with Lincoln after being released by the Phillies. He struggled with the Saltdogs during his 25 game stretch with the team, batting .191 with a .282 on-base percentage, but a midseason change of scenery greatly improved his production. After arriving in Gary, he played 38 games, including a four RBI, 2-4 showing against Kansas City on Aug. 27. In total for Gary that season, he bat .299 with a .347 OBP.

► **Minors 2014-15:** His last year in the minors was 2015, spending time between High-A and Class-A for the Phillies. Over 65 games with the High-A affiliate, Harris bat .265 with a .316 OBP and 15 stolen bases. He also played 24 games with Class-A Lakewood, not playing quite as well with a .225 batting average. After being drafted in the 14th round of the 2014 MLB Draft, Harris played at both Low-A and rookie ball, batting .235 in 33 games between the levels in his first professional season.

► **NM 2013-14:** Prior to being drafted, Harris played collegiate ball at New Mexico for two seasons. During his senior season, the outfielder won three All-America honors, including second-team honors by the NCBWA. Throughout the year, he bat .377 with a .432 OBP and .990 OPS while smacking eight homers and five triples across 58 games. The previous year in 2013 the righty bat played his first season with the Lobos, batting .321 with an .832 OPS over 59 games.

► **CSI 2012:** Before he played for New Mexico, Harris had played at the College of Southern Idaho, making headlines as the Region 18 player of the year after batting .408 at the plate as a sophomore.



#8 Vince Fernandez

HT: 6'3 **WT:** 215 lbs **B/T:** L/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Livermore, CA **LAST GAME:** 0-2, R, BB, HBP, SO @ WIN 7/27

BORN: July 25, 1995 **COLLEGE:** UC Riverside **LAST SERIES:** 1-9, 3 R, 3B, 3 BB, HBP, 5 SO @ WIN 7/25-7/27

Notes: Had three straight multi-hit games 6/3-6/5, eight game hit streak ended 6/13 vs GAR, didn't record hit in a series for first time @ KC 6/20-6/22, selected as an All-Star this year, hit walk-off against CLE 7/9, selected to play in HR Derby

Streak: -1 H / +4 OB

► **Overview:** Fernandez is entering his seventh season of pro ball after coming off a good year in AAA with the Athletics organization where he bat .248 with an .827 OPS. He was originally drafted in the 10th round of the 2016 draft by the Rockies out of UC Riverside. He proved his power prowess by proceeding to hit 14+ HR in five consecutive seasons from 2017-22 between varying levels of the minor leagues.

► **SFG/OAK 2021-22:** He joined the Athletics organization via the Rule 5 Draft in 2022 and played well at the AAA level. He hit 15 HR with a .344 OPB, 5 triples and 4 stolen bases that season, however, he struck out 120 times. The previous year, he was added to the Giants organization, also via the Rule 5 Draft. He spent that season with the AA squad where he 14 HR across 81 games, although being held to a career low batting average of .229. He still had a .801 OPS and .331 OBP despite the low average and high strikeout rate.

► **2018-19:** Fernandez spent the last of his four seasons with the Rockies organization with the AA Hartford Yard Goats in 2019 where he hit 15 HR and an .890 OPS. The previous year, he played in High-A with the Lancaster JetHawks where he hit a career high 24 HR with a .370 OBP and .910 OPS across 117 games.

► **2016-17:** His first full professional season was spent with Class-A Asheville where he hit .269 across 100 games. The prior year, he played at rookie ball, hitting .310 with an .897 OPS.

► **UCR 2014-16:** Fernandez played three seasons at UC Riverside between 2014-16 with a career .331 AVG and .928 OPS. His best year was in 2016 when the lefty bat hit .350 with 8 HR across 253 PA.



#18 Daniel Pérez

HT: 6'3 **WT:** 220 lbs **B/T:** L/L **BIRTHPLACE:** Abreus, CUB **LAST GAME:** 0-1, BB, SO vs LIN 7/22

BORN: July 22, 1996 **COLLEGE:** N/A **LAST SERIES:** DNP @ WIN

Notes: Went 3-5 @ CLE 6/1, went 3-4 with RBI, R, and BB 6/14 vs GAR, nine game on-base streak ended 6/29 vs SF

Streak: -2 H / +5 OB

- **Overview:** Daniel Pérez came over to the Explorers from the Cuban National Series, where he spent his first seven professional seasons. In his last season with the Cienfuegos, who he played his entire career with, he experienced his best season when he batted .352 with a .447 OBP and .898 OPS. The 26-year-old will be entering his first season in America after taking two years off from baseball following the 2020-21 CNS season.
- **2018-21:** In his last season with the Cienfuegos, Pérez had 95 hits in 327 PA including 4 HR across 74 games. In his previous four seasons, he wasn't quite as dominant, however he was able to keep his batting average above .294 every year. In 2019-20, he had a .738 OPS to pair with a .362 OBP, playing in a career high 81 games. The previous season, he played only 44 games, but began to show a little more power, posting a .425 slugging percent and 13 XBH in 185 PA.
- **2016-18:** The 2017-18 season saw Pérez have almost double the plate appearances of the year before, also putting up a .306 AVG with a .798 OPS across 44 games. In his first two seasons, Pérez was a dual-threat player, both pitching and hitting. The 2016-17 season was Pérez's first season without pitching and through 95 plate appearances, he had a .304 AVG and .726 OPS.
- **2014-16:** He joined the Cienfuegos as a 17-year-old in 2014, but his first two years in the CNS didn't give him much action. Between the two seasons, he stepped up to the plate 52 times and had six hits to pair with a .269 OBP.



#17 Jake Sanford

HT: 6'2 **WT:** 225 lbs **B/T:** L/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Dartmouth, CAN **LAST GAME:** 1-4, RBI, SO @ WIN 7/27

BORN: Oct. 24, 1997 **COLLEGE:** Western Kentucky **LAST SERIES:** 3-11, 2 R, RBI, 2B, BB, 2 SO @ WIN 7/25-7/27

Notes: Hit HR vs KCO 6/3, first HR with X's came 5/27 vs LIN, played alongside Matt Lloyd for Canadian national team in Pan-Am games, ended five-game hitless streak 6/30 @ LIN, went 2-3 with 2B, BB and 2 R @ WIN 7/25

Streak: +1 H / +1 OB

- **Overview:** Sanford has three years of professional baseball under his belt, spending two years in the minors and reaching high-A for the Yankees organization in 2021. He was drafted in the third round of the 2019 MLB Draft by New York following a fantastic year at Western Kentucky. Through his minors career, he hit .267 with a .778 OPS across 161 games. He joined the Frontier league in 2022, playing for the Ottawa Titans and mashing 22 HR throughout the season.
- **2022:** In the 2022 season, Sanford saw his first action in independent ball. Through the year, he bat .311 and had a .927 OPS across 403 plate appearances. That season also saw great strikeout numbers, striking out in only 16% of his plate appearances, down from the 28% he saw across his minors career.
- **2021:** In 2021, Sanford split time between High-A and Class-A ball, playing well at both levels. In Class-A, he hit .291 with a .808 OPS and seven HR across 52 games. In High-A, he hit with slightly more power, smacking five homers with an .839 OPS and .278 AVG across 49 games.
- **Minors 2019:** In Fall 2019, he got his first experience of professional baseball, playing for Low-A Staten Island where he struggled a bit, hitting .238 with a .701 OPS.
- **WKY 2019:** In the Spring of that year, he played a key role for the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers, earning a whopping .398 batting average to go with 22 HR and a 1.288 OPS.



#4 Miguel Sierra

HT: 5'11 **WT:** 200 lbs **B/T:** R/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Guarico, VEN **LAST GAME:** 2-5, R, SO vs LIN 7/23

BORN: Dec. 2, 1997 **COLLEGE:** N/A **LAST SERIES:** DNP @ WIN

Notes: Recorded hit in last six games after going 12 games hitless, went 2-6 with two 2B, an RBI and R @ SF 5/23, had .286 BA with .474 OBP and 1.045 OPS through first five games, hit first HR of year 6/20 @ KC, hit HR in back-to-back games 6/27-6/28 vs SF, won batter of the week for 6/26-7/2, 16-game on-base streak ended 7/3 vs WIN, hit both a double and triple vs CLE 7/9, eight-game on-base streak ended 7/20 vs LIN

Streak: +1 H / +1 OB

- **Overview:** Sierra is an infielder who often splits between third, short and second. He signed late in last year's season, playing 13 games for the X's and batting .317. He began his career with the Astros, playing six seasons and reaching AAA in 2021. Across his six seasons and 462 games in the minors, Sierra hit .217 with a .666 OPS.
- **X's 2022:** 2022 saw Sierra take on a big role late in the X's season, when he exploded for a .927 OPS and .415 OBP across his 53 PA. In his limited time, he hit two home runs along with knocking in seven runs.
- **2021:** In 2021 with the Astros organization, Sierra played 68 games, all at AAA Sugar Land, where he got on base at a .287 clip. He also knocked in ten HR that year, making for an above career average .678 OPS on the season. He spent the previous five seasons playing between different levels of the Astros organization.
- **2017-19:** In 2019, he played for High-A Fayetteville, hitting 13 homers in 112 games. The previous year he spent with Class-A Quad Cities, batting .230 with a .648 OPS over the course of 100 games. 2017 was more of a development year for Sierra, as he adjusted to Low-A Tri-City throughout the year and played in 57 games.
- **2015-16:** In Sierra's first two years in the minors, he split time between rookie ball, Low-A and the Dominican Summer League. In 2016 with the Greeneville Astros in rookie ball, he hit 11 homers to the tune of a 1.006 OPS in 31 games.



#7 Matt Lloyd

HT: 6'1 **WT:** 205 lbs **B/T:** L/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Toronto, CAN **LAST GAME:** 0-5, SO @ WIN 7/27

BORN: Mar. 17, 1996 **COLLEGE:** Indiana **LAST SERIES:** 3-12, 2 R, RBI, 2B, 2 BB, SO @ WIN 7/25-7/27

Notes: Went 11-16 between 5/23-5/27, has three 4+ RBI games, recorded double in first game back from Pan-Am games 6/24 @ F-M, went 1-1 with three walks in game two @ F-M 6/24, ten-game hit streak ended 6/30 @ LIN, selected as an All-Star starter this year, recorded four hits @ LC 7/12, followed up with three hit game @ FM 7/14 including a HR, had two-HR, four-hit game 7/16 @ FM

Streak: -1 H / -1 OB

► **Overview:** Lloyd is a Canadian-born infielder who has three years of professional baseball experience under his belt. Lloyd was a big-time bat at the University of Indiana during his college days, playing three years there before being drafted in the 15th round of the MLB draft by the Reds. He was a dual-threat player in college, both pitching and hitting, before converting to a full-time position player in professional ball. The 27-year-old reached AA with the Reds and played 52 games with them between 2021-22.

► **2021-22:** In 2022, Lloyd struggled during his 20 games for AA Chattanooga. He hit .187 over 86 plate appearances, although he still got on base at a .291 clip. His prior year at AA showed much more promise, as Lloyd worked to a .333 OBP with a .813 OPS. He also crushed seven homers over his 114 plate appearances.

► **Minors 2019:** Lloyd played in 2019, when he split time between Class-A and rookie ball as part of his first year in professional baseball. He played 50 games between the levels, batting .236 with a .328 OBP and .765 OPS to pair with eight home runs.

► **IND 2017-19:** His final season with the Hoosiers was in Spring 2019, which proved to be his best year. He had a .390 OBP and .963 OPS while hitting 17 homers. His 2018 season was a down year by his standards, batting .275 with an .815 OPS. That season followed up a great first year for Indiana when he bat .301 with a .947 OPS and 11 HR. Throughout his career, he also threw 72.1 innings with a 2.12 ERA and 1.23 WHIP.



#24 Wilfredo Gimenez

HT: 5'11 **WT:** 240 lbs **B/T:** R/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Maracay, VEN **LAST GAME:** 1-4, BB, 2 SO vs LIN 7/21

BORN: Dec. 18, 1990 **COLLEGE:** N/A **LAST SERIES:** DNP @ WIN

Notes: Had perfect 3-3 night 6/13 vs GAR, went 1-2 with two BB in first game this season, 2-3 with RBI on 6/8 vs SF, hit three-run homer in game two 6/24 @ F-M, hit double and HR vs SF 6/28, had perfect 1-1 night with HR and 2 BB vs SF 6/29, OPS rose from .571 to .739 between 6/20-6/29, 10 game hit streak ended 7/2 @ LIN

Streak: +3 H / +13 OB

► **Overview:** Gimenez was signed by the Florida Marlins in 2008, reaching AA in 2014. He signed with the Gary SouthShore RailCats in 2017 after two years away from the game. Last year, he played for Lake Country batting .234 with eight home runs in 79 games. He adds to the catcher depth of the X's and is expected to platoon with Jack Kelly and Jake Ortega.

► **2018-23:** Gimenez is coming to Sioux City following a year with the DockHounds where he played in 79 games, stepping up to the plate exactly 300 times and earning a .292 OBP. That was his first summer league since 2019, but he played winter ball every year from 2018-23. Between summer leagues from 2019-22, he played solely for Aragua of the Venezuelan Winter League, playing in 72 games. He had 233 combined plate appearances, batting .296 with a .369 OBP and .796 OPS.

► **AA 2017-19:** His first stint in the American Association was spent mainly with the RailCats, but in 2019, he ended the season with Fargo-Moorhead. Throughout the season, he bat .244 with a .286 OBP across 64 games. His 2018 season in the Association was debatably his best until 2022, when he bat .255 with a .645 OPS over 62 games. His first year in the American Association was a bit of a struggle, only mustering a .226 batting average with a .559 OPS across 60 games and 211 plate appearances.

► **2014:** Prior to joining Gary in 2017, Gimenez hadn't played baseball since his stint in the minor leagues with the Marlins organization. 2014 was his last season, playing f or the AA affiliate and batting .243 over 44 games at that level.

► **2012-13:** His 2013 was spent with High-A Jupiter where he played 80 games with a .237 batting average and .571 OBP. 2012 was his second season at Class-A Greensboro and he batted.266 with a .311 OBP over his 87 games.

► **2010-11:** His first year at Class-A wasn't quite as successful, but still bat .251 with a .284 OBP over 72 games. In 2010, Gimenez played for Low-A holding a .285 OBP, but only having a .226 batting average.

► **2008-09:** In 2009 as an 18-year-old, he played in rookie ball, batting .279 with a .358 OBP across 35 games. His first season of professional baseball was in 2008 with the Marlins in the Dominican Summer League, where he bat .265 with a .685 OPS over 54 games.



#33 Jake Ortega

HT: 5'9 **WT:** 186 lbs **B/T:** L/L **BIRTHPLACE:** Laguna Hills, CA **LAST GAME:** 2-3, BB, 2B @ WIN 7/27

BORN: July 31, 1996 **COLLEGE:** Cal State-Bakersfield **LAST SERIES:** 2-9, RBI, 2B, 2 BB, SO, SF @ WIN 7/25-7/27

Notes: 2-4 with 2 RBI 6/4 vs KCO, started season on seven game hit streak, ended a nine game hit streak 6/20 @ KC, went 3-5 with a HR, 2B and 1B @ FM 7/14, reached base four times 7/16 @ FM, 10-game on-base streak ended @ WIN 7/25

Streak: +1 H / +2 OB

► **Overview:** Ortega comes to the Explorers after not playing in 2022. Ortega originally spent four seasons with Cal State-Bakersfield before being drafted by the Mets in the 28th round of the 2019 MLB Draft. He spent 2019-2021 in the minors, reaching AA in 2021 with the Mets organization.

► **2019-21:** In 2021, Ortega split time between AA and rookie ball, playing in 19 games at the rookie level and batting .269 with a .713 OPS. With AA Binghamton, he didn't play much, only seeing action in five games and having 12 plate appearances. Before that, he split his first full professional season at Low-A and High-A in the Mets organization. Between the levels, he played in 32 games and held a .242 batting average with a .307 OBP.

► **2019:** He was drafted by the Mets after having an outstanding senior season at Cal-State-Bakersfield and bat .326 with a .418 OBP and .818 OPS in 53 games that year.

► **2017-18:** His 2018 was a bit of a down year, but in his sophomore season in 2017, he bat .322 with a .390 OBP over 41 games.



#11 Delvin Zinn

HT: 5'10 **WT:** 195 lbs **B/T:** R/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Pontotoc, MS **LAST GAME:** 1-4, SO, 2 SB @ WIN 7/27

BORN: May 29, 1997 **COLLEGE:** Itawamba CC **LAST SERIES:** 2-10, R, RBI, 2 HBP, 2 SO, 4 SB @ WIN 7/25-7/27

Notes: Went 4-4 with two 2B in second game with X's 5/28 vs LIN, did not reach base series @ MIL, broke five game hitless streak 6/15 vs GAR, hit first HR of year @ KC 6/21, nine-game on-base streak ended 7/1 @ LIN, knocked 3-run HR vs WIN G2 7/5, scored walk-off run vs CLE 7/9 after pinch-running

Streak: +2 H / +4 OB

► **Overview:** Delvin Zinn, a native of Pontotoc, Mississippi, was originally drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 28th round of the 2015 June Draft out of Pontotoc High School but chose to attend Mississippi State University. The Cubs would call his name again in the 23rd round in 2016 while playing at Itawamba Community College (Fulton, MS), and he would make his professional debut at rookie-level Arizona later that summer. Zinn spent six years in the Chicago organization, reaching AA. He brings versatility to the Explorers roster, having played in both the infield and outfield while in the Cubs system.

► **2021-22:** Last season with the Cubs organization, he played all his games at the AA level, having 138 plate appearances across 49 games, with a .137 batting average. In 2021, his first year at AA Tennessee, he played in 27 games with the Smokies where he had a .159 average; most of his season, however, was spent with High-A South Bend where he played 67 games, hitting four home runs while also earning a .300 on-base percentage.

► **2019:** In 2019, Zinn split time between High-A Myrtle Beach and Low-A South Bend in the Cubs organization. At High-A, he hit .242 with 16 stolen bases over 222 plate appearances, while at Low-A he batted .273 with a .341 OBP, .705 OPS and 14 stolen bases through 258 plate appearances.

► **2016-18:** In 2018, he made his first appearance at Low-A South Bend, playing the entire season there and batting .286 over 59 games. In 2016 and 2017, Zinn played in the Arizona Rookie League, playing infield in 51 games between the two seasons and batting .21 for the Cubs.

► **2015-16:** Before being drafted in the 23rd round of the 2016 Draft, he played at Itawamba Community College—after originally committing to Mississippi State—batting a blistering .408 with a .463 OBP and .919 OPS over 45 games. Despite being drafted by the Cubs in the 28th round out of high school in 2015, he decided to go to college.



#6 Tyler Rando

HT: 5'10 **WT:** 202 lbs **B/T:** R/R **BIRTHPLACE:** San Jose, CA **LAST GAME:** 0-3, BB, SO @ WIN 7/27

BORN: March 12, 1998 **COLLEGE:** Gonzaga **LAST SERIES:** 1-10, R, 3 BB, 2 SO @ WIN 7/25-7/27

Notes: 3-5 on 6/7 vs SF in second game back, hit .422 in 15 games last season in Sioux City including seven XBH, three of five hits vs GAR were XBH, has a hit in every game he played this season except 6/18 @ LIN, was first X to record 10-game hit streak this season, ended that hit streak 6/18 @ LIN, hit first HR of season 7/10 @ LC, seven-game hit streak ended 7/14 @ FM, reached base four times vs LIN 7/21

Streak: -2 H / +8 OB

► **Overview:** Rando signed with the X's in early June after a mid-May release by the Marlins. He played for the X's last summer, hitting a scorching hot .422 over his 15 games with the team before having his contract transferred to the Marlins organization. Rando wasn't always at catcher last season, making appearances at second, third and short along with the outfield in games to showcase his versatility.

► **MIA 2022:** Rando made a start in affiliated ball during early August last year, playing in four games at the rookie level. The catcher played in four games and had 8 at-bats during his time there, struggling and only picking up one hit which was a double on August 12 against the FCL Astros Orange.

► **X's 2022:** Following Gonzaga's exit from the 2022 NCAA Tournament, Rando joined the X's in early July, making 15 appearances during the month. In his last game before having his contract transferred, Rando went three for three in the second half of a double header at Lincoln, hitting a double as well as pulling a walk as the X's went on to win. Rando had four other multi-hit games during his time in Sioux City, including a two-for-two debut in the first half of a doubleheader at Sioux Falls.

► **ZAGA 2022:** His final season with the Zags was his best, presenting his on-base capabilities of years prior and showing off a new type of power he hadn't before. He ended the season with a .400 on-base percentage to pair with a .932 OPS over 50 games. He added eight home runs during that time, also knocking 16 doubles over 235 plate appearances.

► **2021:** In 2021, the on-base machine took over full-time duties as the backstop, playing in 49 games and seeing a lot of success after being named to the Buster Posey National Collegiate Catcher of the Year Watchlist. He posted a .284 batting average along with a .406 OBP while only striking out 31 times in his 217 plate appearances.

► **2020:** Prior to the COVID-19 cancellations, Rando did get to play in 15 games for the Bulldogs in 2020, impressing in his limited appearances by posting a .351 average with a .431 OBP, although only had two extra-base hits in his 65 plate appearances.



#5 Scott Ota

HT: 5'10 **WT:** 195 lbs **B/T:** L/L **BIRTHPLACE:** Burlingame, CA **LAST GAME:** 0-5 @ WIN 7/27

BORN: Aug. 16, 1997 **COLLEGE:** Illinois at Chicago **LAST SERIES:** 2-12, 2 R, RBI, HR, 3 BB, CS @ WIN 7/25-7/27

Notes: Scored a run in first game with X's 7/20 vs LIN, went 2-3 with R and BB vs LIN 7/22, hit first HR as an X vs LIN 7/23, recorded X's first run of game with HR @ WIN 7/26

Streak: -1 H / -1 OB

► **Overview:** Scott Ota joins Sioux City from the New York Mets organization where he hit .242 between 23 games at A level St. Lucie and seven games at high A Brooklyn this season with one home run and eight RBI. He would put up a slash line of .242/.304/.352 in 30 games. Scott Ota, a native of Foster City, California, was drafted in the 10th round in the 2019 MLB June Amateur Draft out of the University of Illinois at Chicago. In four collegiate seasons, Ota played in 206 games, hitting .301 (.301/.374/.530) with 33 home runs and 163 RBI.

► **2022:** In 2022 Ota would be limited to four games at the Mets rookie-level club, Florida Complex League, hitting .143 with one RBI.

► **2021:** His 2021 season was also limited to a handful of games. Ota would play in three games at Brooklyn with one RBI going 3-for-11.

► **2019-20:** The 2020 season was cancelled due to the worldwide pandemic, but he did play 51 games at rookie level Kingsport in 2019. Ota would hit .273 with seven homers and 26 RBI.

X's HITTING NUMBERS

Hitter	Multi-Hit Games				Total (last)	Hitter	Multi-RBI Games				Total (last)
	2	3	4	5+			2	3	4	5+	
Fernandez	11	3			7/15 @FM	Fernandez	5	1	2	1	6/28 SF
Lloyd	11	3	2	1	7/25 @WIN	Sanford	4				7/1 @LIN
Harris	9	2			7/25 @WIN	Harris	4	2	1		7/25 @WIN
Sierra	10				7/23 LIN	Lloyd	5	2	2	1	7/20 LIN
Kasser	9	3			7/23 LIN	Sierra	7				7/10 @LC
Sanford	6				7/25 @WIN	E. Perez			1		5/23 @SF
Gimenez	6	1			7/20 LIN	D. Perez	1		2		6/22 @KC
E. Perez	2	2			5/31 @CLE	Kasser	2	1	1		7/16 @FM
Ortega	12	2			7/27 @WIN	Ortega	3	2			7/23 LIN
Zinn	7		1		7/20 LIN	Rando	3	1			7/12 @LC
D. Perez	7	2			7/5 G1 WIN	Nogowski	1	1	1		6/27 SF
Rando	6	2			7/20 LIN	Zinn	1	2			7/11 @LC
Kelly	3				6/30 @LIN	Kelly	1				6/22 @ KC
Nogowski	5	1			7/3 WIN	Gimenez		2			6/29 SF
Ota	2				7/23 LIN	Ota	1				7/23 LIN

Runs by Inning

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Xtra
Explorers	42	22	37	38	55	48	27	26	30	11
Opponent	37	40	41	30	35	24	46	36	15	16

Record by Runs Scored/Allowed

Runs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
Explorers		1-5	4-6	3-5	3-6	4-2	3-5	3-3	6-1	1-1	4-0
Opponent	4-0	11-0	6-1	2-4	1-3	4-4	0-6	2-5	1-1	1-2	0-8

Home Runs by Player

Player	No.	Solo	2R	3R	GS	vs. LHP	vs. RHP	0 Out	1 Out	2 Outs	LF	CF	RF	Go-Ahead	Tied Game	Record	Last HR
Fernandez	12	7	3	1	1	3	9	5	6	1	1	2	9	5	2	5-7	7/11 @ LC
Lloyd	10	5	3	2		1	9	5	2	3	4	1	5	2		4-4	7/16 @ FM
Harris	5	1	3	1		2	3	2	2	1	5			1		4-0	7/3 vs WIN
D. Perez	4	1	1	2		2	2	2	1	1	2		2	2		2-2	6/22 @ KC
E. Perez	2	1			1	2		1		1	2			1		2-0	5/27 vs LIN
Sanford	2		2			1	1	1	1			1	1		1	1-1	6/3 vs KCO
Kelly	2	2				1	1		1	1			2		1	1-1	6/14 vs GAR
Nogowski	2		1	1		2			1	1	1		1	1		1-1	6/20 @ KC
Ortega	4	3	1			1	3	2	2				4	1		2-2	7/23 vs LIN
Sierra	4	2	2			3	1	2		2	2	2		1		3-1	7/10 @ LC
Zinn	2			2		2		1		1	2			1		1-1	7/5 G2 vs WIN
Gimenez	3	1	1	1		1	2	1	1	1	3			1		2-1	6/29 vs SF
Rando	1	1					1	1				1		1		1-0	7/10 @ LC
Kasser	2	1		1			2	1		1			2			1-0	7/14 @ FM
Ota	2	1	1				2	1	1		1		1	2		0-2	7/26 vs WIN
TOTALS	57	26	18	11	2	21	36	25	18	14	23	7	27	19	4		7/26 @ WIN

Home Runs by Inning

Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Xtra
Explorers	5	5	10	9	9	5	3	6	3	2
Opponent	8	7	7	5	10	6	9	5	4	2

Hitting Highs/Lows

Team High/Low	Individual High/Low
<p>Hits, Game: 20 (5/23 @ SF) Hits, Inning: 8 (B4, 5/27 vs LIN) Runs, Game: 17 (5/23 @ SF) Runs, Inning: 8 (B6, 6/7 vs SF) Fewest Hits, Game: 2 (5/22 @ SF) Doubles, Game: 6 (5/16 vs LC) Triples, Game: 1 x15 (5/13 G2 vs KC) (5/17 vs LC) (5/19 @ KCO) (5/28 vs LIN) (5/30 @ CLE) (6/11 @ MIL) (6/15 vs GAR) (6/17 @ LIN) (6/20 @ KC) (6/22 @ KC) (7/5 G2 vs WIN) (7/8 G2 vs CLE) (7/9 vs CLE) (7/20 vs LIN) (7/26 @ WIN) Home Runs, Game: 5 (5/27 vs LIN) Home Runs, Both Teams: 7 (7/14 @ FM) Extra Base Hits: 7 (5/23 @ SF) Stolen Bases: 4 x2 (5/31 @ CLE) (6/4 vs KCO) Caught Stealing: 3 (5/30 @ CLE) Walks: 13 (5/26 vs LIN) Strikeouts: 14 (5/16 vs LC) Double Plays: 3 x2 (5/20 @ KCO) (7/16 @ FM) Left on Base: 16 (5/26 vs LIN)</p>	<p>Hits, Game: 5, Lloyd (5/23 @ SF) Runs, Game: 3, Multiple (Fernandez, 5/23 @ SF) (Lloyd x2, 5/23 @ SF, 6/1 @ CLE) (E. Perez, 5/23 @ SF) (Kasser x2, 5/27 vs LIN, 7/14 @ FM) (Sanford, 5/27 vs LIN) RBI, Game: 5, Lloyd (5/23 @ SF) Doubles, Game: 2, Multiple (Fernandez x2, 5/13 G1 vs KC, 5/31 @ CLE) (Sierra x2, 5/16 vs LC, 5/23 @ SF) (Lloyd x2, 5/23 @ SF, 7/8 G2 vs CLE) (Zinn, 5/28 vs LIN) (Rando, 6/13 vs GAR) (Ortega, 6/17 @ LIN) Triples, Game: 1, Multiple (Kelly x2, 5/13 G2 vs KC, 5/28 vs LIN) (Kasser x2, 5/17 vs LC, 5/19 @ KCO) (Zinn x3, 5/30 @ CLE, 6/15 vs GAR, 7/20 vs LIN) (D. Perez, 6/11 @ MIL) (Harris x3, 6/17 @ LIN, 6/20 @ KC, 7/5 G2 vs WIN) (Sierra x4, 6/22 @ KC, 7/1 @ LIN, 7/8 G2 vs CLE, 7/9 vs CLE) (Fernandez, 7/26 @ WIN) Home Runs, Game: 2, Multiple (Harris, 5/27 vs LIN) (Lloyd x2, 6/1 @ CLE, 7/16 @ FM) (Kasser, 7/14 @ FM) Extra Base Hits: 3, Multiple (Lloyd, 5/23 @ SF) (Harris, 5/27 vs LIN) (Fernandez, 5/31 @ CLE) Stolen Bases: 3, Zinn (6/4 vs KCO) Caught Stealing: 2, Harris (6/4 vs KCO) Walks: 3, Multiple (Sierra, 5/24 vs SF) (Kasser, 5/26 vs LIN) (Lloyd x2, 5/26 vs LIN, 6/24 @ F-M G2) (Harris, 6/4 vs KCO) (Fernandez, 6/28 vs SF) (Rando, 7/21 vs LIN) Strikeouts: 4, Multiple (Zinn, 5/31 @ CLE) (Harris, 6/3 vs KCO) (Fernandez, 7/25 @ WIN) Double Plays: 2, Zinn (7/22 vs LIN) Hitting Streak: 10, Multiple (Rando, 6/6-6/17) (Lloyd, 6/4-6/29) (Gimenez, 6/20-7/1)</p>

Stolen Bases

Player	Number	Stole 2nd	Stole 3rd	Stole Home	RHP	LHP	Home	Road	SB-CS	Record	Last Time
Harris	18	13	5	-	8	10	6	12	18-4	9-6	7/25 @ WIN
Kasser	5	5	-	-	2	3	5	-	5-3	4-0	7/8 G2 vs CLE
Fernandez	14	10	4	-	10	4	7	7	14-1	7-7	7/20 vs LIN
Lloyd	11	9	2	-	10	1	4	7	11-0	7-3	7/15 @ FM
Zinn	22	18	4	-	12	10	13	9	22-4	7-9	7/27 @ WIN
D. Perez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Perez	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1-3	0-1	5/26 vs LIN
Sierra	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	2	2-1	1-1	6/24 @ F-M G1
Sanford	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
Gimenez	2	2	-	-	2	-	1	1	2-0	0-2	6/13 vs GAR
Kelly	2	2	-	-	1	1	2	-	2-0	1-0	7/8 G2 vs CLE
Ortega	4	4	-	-	3	1	2	2	4-3	0-4	7/2 @ LIN
Rando	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	2-0	1-1	7/23 vs LIN
Nogowski	3	3	-	-	2	1	-	3	3-2	1-2	7/1 @ LIN
Ota	2	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	2-1	0-1	7/22 vs LIN
TOTALS	88	73	15	-	52	36	45	43	88-23		7/27 @ WIN

PEN NOTES



#10 Brandon Brosher

HT: 6'2 **WT:** 230 lbs **B/T:** R/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Spring Hill, FL **LAST GAME:** 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 H, 1 BB, 1 SO @ WIN 7/27

BORN: Feb. 17, 1995 **COLLEGE:** NA **LAST SERIES:** 1.2 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 H, 1 BB, 2 SO @ WIN 7/26-7/27

Notes:

IR/IRS: **1st Batter:** 5/13 **BAA:** .234

► **Overview:** Brosher is entering his 11th season in pro baseball and his third season with the X's. He closed a few games in 2021, earning six saves but moved back to more of a set-up guy last season. He pitched in the Venezuelan Winter League in the offseason as well. He was initially drafted in the 36th round of the 2013 draft by New York Mets as a position player, mostly catching but also playing first and the outfield. He didn't pitch professionally until 2019, when he tried it out in the Canadian-American Association. He now has 98.1 career innings and 76 games with a 2.47 ERA and 133 K.

► **2022:** Last season with the X's, he struggled over his 47.2 innings, posting a 6.42 ERA off the heels of a much more successful first season in the American Association.

► **2021:** 2021 saw Brosher dominate out of the bullpen, putting up a 2.51 ERA over 46.2 innings while striking out 69 batters.

► **2020:** Played in the All-American Baseball Challenge in 2020 and didn't allow a single earned run over 17.2 innings, striking out 29 batters in that time.

► **2019:** He joined the Canadian-American Association in 2019 and converted to a pitcher while still swinging the bat occasionally. Throughout the season, he had a 3.71 ERA over 34 innings while having 64 plate appearances and batting .179 with five doubles and three stolen bases. Before converting to a pitcher in 2019, he was a batter first, playing six seasons in the Mets organization. In his last season with the Mets, he struggled over 28 games at High-A, batting .124 with a .379 OPS in his time there. He saw much more success in 2017 when playing at Class-A Columbia, reaching base at a .346 clip with a .779 OPS and 13 HR. In 2016, Brosher spent time at three different levels between Low-A and High-A, batting only .183, but holding a .287 OBP and hitting six home runs. Brosher started his career playing parts of three seasons at rookie ball, splitting time between there and Low-A in 2015. He only played 29 games between 2013-14 in his first two seasons of professional baseball, collecting 23 hits and seven homers over 107 plate appearances. He was drafted by the Mets out of high school in the 36th round prior to that season.



#27 Carlos Diaz

HT: 6'4 **WT:** 210 lbs **B/T:** L/L **BIRTHPLACE:** La Vega, DR **LAST GAME:** 1.1 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 SO @ WIN 7/27

BORN: Feb. 3, 1992 **COLLEGE:** None **LAST SERIES:** 2.2 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 SC @ WIN 7/25-7/27

Notes:

IR/IRS: **1st Batter:** 5/31 **BAA:** .272

► **Overview:** Diaz is a hard throwing lefty who has spent several years in the American Association and is currently the career saves leader in Kansas City. Diaz started the season with the Dockhounds, pitching well in his five appearances, allowing just one run in 4.1 innings and collecting seven strikeouts. Following a coaching change in Lake Country, Diaz was released, allowing him to sign with the X's. In the offseason, he pitched for the Aguilas Cibaenas of the Dominican Winter League, making two appearances totaling 1.1 innings and allowing one run. In 2022, Diaz made his first appearance for Lake Country totaling eight innings in his time there. He struggled a bit in his role there, posting an 0-3 record with a 5.63 ERA while striking out eight batters

► **KC/TIJ 2021:** Diaz opened the 2021 season with the Monarchs but would have his contract transferred to the Mexican League midseason but eventually returned to finish out the year with the club. Diaz got off to a hot start for KC in 2021. He would pick up two relief wins and two saves in his first five appearances over 5.2 innings. He tossed 7.2 scoreless to start the season before allowing his first earned run June 13th. Diaz then worked another five scoreless innings, allowing just one earned run in his first 12 appearances and striking out 24 in 12.2 innings. Diaz would have his contract transferred on July 23 to AAA Tijuana of the Mexican League. At the time of the transfer, Diaz was third in the American Association in saves (11) and showcased a 1.44 ERA in 23 games over a total of 25 innings with 37 strike outs. Diaz spent six games at AAA Tijuana, going 0-1 in 4.2 relief innings with six strikeouts and posting a 11.57 ERA. Diaz returned to Kansas City on August 19th and helped bolster the pen for the run to the 2021 American Association championship. Diaz worked in eight ball games to close out the regular season and did not allow an earned run in 8 innings as he finished the season. He would add 15 strikeouts and hold opponents to just three hits over the course of the last month of the season. In the 2021 American Association playoffs, Diaz would continue his dominance of the league, picking up two relief wins and tossing four scoreless innings with 8 strikeouts and surrendering just two hits. The lefty would pick up the first win of the division championship series, working 1.1 scoreless on September 11th. On September 18th Diaz worked 1.2 innings at Fargo-Moorhead in game two of the championship series. That win came with a nail-biting bases loaded situation where Diaz was able to strike out a pair of RedHawks to keep the game at 7-5 in favor of the Monarchs. Kansas City would go on to win the game and take a commanding 2-0 lead in the series. Diaz then worked one inning in deciding game three holding the RedHawks in check with no hits and one strike out as the Monarchs rolled to an 8-1 win to clinch the 2021 league pennant. In Diaz's second stint during the 2021 season, he pitched 12 scoreless innings over 11 games with 20 strikeouts and just four hits allowed. Over the course of the regular season Diaz went 2-1 in 33 innings with 11 saves with a 1.09 ERA and a 0.970 WHIP in 31 games. Diaz would finish the 2021 season combined in regular and postseason, going 4-1 with 11 saves in 34 games and tossing 37 innings with 59 strikeouts with 18 walks. He would finish with a sparkling ERA of 0.97 overall combined during 2021. On July 16th Diaz worked a scoreless inning in a 3-1 Monarchs win over Kane County to notch his 33rd career save to move him into a tie with Cody Winiarski for the franchise lead in saves. Diaz would spend the winter ball season in his native Dominican Republic in the Dominican Winter League, pitching with the Gigantes del Cibao. He would go 1-0 with a 1.29 ERA in seven innings with eight strikeouts in 10 relief appearances.

► **2019-20:** In the 2019 season, Diaz returned from the Cincinnati Reds organization where the lefty spent the second half of the 2018 season and the opening month of the 2019 season before his release April 16th. With the T-Bones in 2019, the hard-throwing lefty helped anchor the back end of the bullpen. He went 1-2 on the season in 30 games with 13 saves to lead the club in that category. In 30 innings, he struck out 51 while giving up 13 hits and seven earned runs. While with the T-Bones, Diaz struck out 78 in 48.2 innings. He also saw action in two post-season games—where he struck out four in three innings. He finished strong, working his last 6.2 innings scoreless with 10 strikeouts. In the final month of the season, when the T-Bones went 23-8, Diaz pitched 14.1 innings and allowed three earned runs, threw 23 strikeouts, had seven saves and a 1-1 record. He notched his 13th save on August 30th in a 3-1 win over Sioux City at home. That win was part of a four-game series where Kansas City overtook both Cleburne and Sioux City for the Southern Division crown by winning three of four over the X's. Diaz recorded back-to-back saves on August 29th and 30th in a six-game final week of the season-winning streak. Diaz also pitched during two games in the 2019-2020 winter season for Panama in the Caribbean Series, pitching one inning with one strikeout.

► **DAY/KC 2018:** Diaz made 20 appearances in 2018 for Daytona in the Florida State League, the high-A club for Cincinnati. In 22.1 innings, he struck out 37, surrendering eight earned runs on 14 hits with a 3.22 ERA. He was 0-1 with one save in one opportunity. In five games out of the pen, Diaz tossed three innings, giving up one hit and two earned runs with an 0-1 record and one save with six strikeouts. After inking with the T-Bones, Diaz was a strong bullpen force, pitching 18.2 innings in 18 games for the T-Bones with nine saves, a 0.48 ERA and 27 strikeouts. He did not allow a run in nine straight innings in eight straight appearances to close out his 2018 stay in the "metro." That feat was part of the reason Diaz, on July 7, 2018, became at that time, the 34th Kansas City player, and the fourth at that point in the season, to have his contract purchased while with the T-Bones.

► **2012-17:** Diaz spent part of the 2017 season with the Miami Marlins organization where he pitched two scoreless innings in the Gulf Coast Rookie League for the Marlins before moving on to Low-A Greensboro in the South Atlantic League. He worked three games, covering two innings and not allowing a single run for the Grasshoppers. Diaz began 2017 with the Gary SouthShore RailCats where he went 2-1 with a 3.83 ERA in 42.1innings. He led all Gary pitchers with a .164 opponents' batting average, and he struck out 63 while walking just 17 in 42.1 innings. The Marlins purchased Diaz's contract on August 6, 2017 from Gary. The lefty from La Vega, Dominican Republic was originally signed as a free agent by the Cleveland Indians organization in 2012. He posted a 2-5 record in his rookie season with the Dominican Summer League with a 2.82 ERA in 51 innings then followed that season by going 1-2 with a 7.62 ERA in 13 innings of relief in Gulf Coast League for the Indians. Diaz stepped away from the game for two years but returned in 2016 in the Pecos League, tossing 17 innings with a 5.29 ERA in 17 innings and adding 20 strikeouts.



#36 Nate Gercken

HT: 6'7 **WT:** 240 lbs **B/T:** R/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Pinole, CA **LAST GAME:** 1.1 IP, 6 R, 6 ER, 6 H, 0 BB, 2 SO @ WIN 7/26

BORN: Nov. 4, 1992 **COLLEGE:** Academy of Art Univ. **LAST SERIES:** 1.1 IP, 6 R, 6 ER, 6 H, 0 BB, 2 SO @ WIN 7/26

Notes:

IR/IRS: **1st Batter:** 5/14 **BAA:** .308

► **Overview:** Gercken returns to the X's for his fourth season after initially joining in 2019 and rejoining in 2021. Last season was another on the long list of strong Indy-ball seasons he had, holding a 3.38 ERA as a reliever. He holds a 2.86 ERA and 1.50 WHIP across three seasons for X's and looks to be the set-up guy for the team this season. He was drafted by the Twins in the 17th round of the 2015 MLB Draft out of college, but quickly joined independent leagues, making his way to the Explorers.

► **2022 X's:** Last season, he went 24 innings allowing just 18 hits, but struggled with walks, adding up to a 1.83 WHIP.

► **2021 X's:** In 2021, he came into 40 games out of the bullpen, pitching to the tune of a 3.75 ERA with 54 strikeouts over 36 innings.

► **2020 ABL:** During the COVID year, he went down under to play in the Australian Baseball League for Perth, totaling seven innings and two earned runs.

► **2019 X's:** 2019 was his first year with the X's, and he had debatably his best season yet, posting a 1.91 ERA over 47 innings with a 1.13 WHIP.

► **2017-18 CAN:** Before joining the Explorers, Gercken spent time in other independent leagues, most recently the Canadian-American Association in 2018. He pitched for New Jersey there for two years, with a 2.08 ERA in 2018 and 2.70 ERA in 2017 combining for 81.1 innings.

► **2016 PAC:** In 2016, Gercken had his first taste of independent baseball, pitching in the Pacific Association with a 6.75 ERA over 18.2 innings.

► **2015 MIN:** Before Indy-ball, he played in the Twins organization late in the 2015 season after being drafted out of the Academy of Art. He pitched 35 innings in rookie ball, struggling with a 6.69 ERA and 1.66 WHIP.

► **2013-15 AoA:** Before going pro, he played three seasons for the Academy of Art Urban Knights. In his final season with them, he had a 2.90 ERA, nearly throwing 100 innings as a starter. In 2014, he had another productive season, pitching to a 2.95 ERA over 82.1 innings. In his first year with the Urban Knights, he had a 4.42 ERA over 73.1 innings.



#28 Kent Hasler

HT: 5'10 **WT:** 205 lbs **B/T:** R/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Chandler, AZ **LAST GAME:** 0.0 IP, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 H, 0 BB, 0 SO @ FM 7/16

BORN: Oct. 15, 1995 **COLLEGE:** Louisiana Tech **LAST SERIES:** DNP @ WIN

Notes: Has pitched in setup role this season for X's as team leader in holds

IR/IRS: **1st Batter:** 5/13 **BAA:** .169

► **Overview:** Hasler is joining the X's after making a run to AAA last season with the Brewers organization. He's been a reliever most of his career, except for the seven starts he had in his first year at Louisiana Tech university. He started his professional career in the Frontier League before making his way to the Winnipeg Goldeyes, then finally being picked up by the Brewers. He made it to the Frontier League after two strong seasons with Louisiana Tech.

► **2022 MIL:** Last year with the Brewers organization, he spent time with AA and A+, also pitching one inning with the AAA squad. Throughout the season, he posted a 4.07 ERA over 55.1 innings with 11.5 K/9.

► **2021 MIL:** In 2021, his first season with the Brewers organization, Hasler pitched well between Class-A and High-A with a 3.07 ERA over his 44 innings of work.

► **2020 AA:** He played in the American Association during 2020 to keep up with his baseball activity and played outstanding, earning a 1.84 ERA with a 0.72 WHIP over 29.1 innings.

► **2018-19 LE:** He started his professional career in the Frontier League with the Lake Erie Crushers in 2018. In his second season he went 7-4 with a 2.01 ERA over 38 appearances and 67 innings. His first season with the Crushers wasn't as fantastic, but still held up as he posted a 3.08 ERA over 38 innings during his first professional season.

► **2017-18 LAT:** In college, Hasler played for the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs from 2017-18. In his final season, he had a 2.89 ERA with 28 strikeouts in 28 innings. The year before, he pitched 56.1 innings, putting up a 3.99 ERA and 1.23 WHIP.



#26 Brenden Heiss

HT: 6'1 **WT:** 200 lbs **B/T:** R/R **BIRTHPLACE:** Park Ridge, IL **LAST GAME:** 4.0 IP, 2 R, 1 ER, 4 H, 4 BB, 5 SO, 1 WP @ WIN 7/25

BORN: Sept. 15, 1997 **COLLEGE:** Southeastern Univ. **LAST SERIES:** 4.0 IP, 2 R, 1 ER, 4 H, 4 BB, 5 SO, 1 WP @ WIN 7/25

Notes:

IR/IRS: **1st Batter:** 7/12 **BAA:** .241

► **Overview:** Brenden Heiss joins the Explorers after spending the first part of the 2023 season with the Chicago Dogs. He'd previously played two seasons in the San Diego Padres organization, holding a 7.36 ERA with 27 strikeouts over 25.2 innings pitched in his stint in the minors. The righty saw more success in the NAIA when with Southeastern University (FL), posting a 2.66 ERA in 44 innings over two seasons with the team.

► **2023 CHI:** Earlier this season with the Dogs, Heiss worked a 5.71 ERA over 17.1 innings in 15 games out of the bullpen. He also earned the win against Winnipeg on June 1 as the only decision on his record.

► **2022 SDP:** In the 2022 season, Heiss split time between rookie ball and Class-A Lake Elsinore. In Class-A, the Chicago native posted a 16.20 ERA over five innings in five games, but pitched in 16 innings at rookie ball, recording a 6.75 ERA in his time there.

► **2021 SDP:** After signing as an undrafted free agent with the Padres in 2021, Heiss pitched in five games at rookie ball that season, allowing three runs, none of which were earned, over 4.2 innings.

► **2020-21 SEU:** In his final season with the Southeastern Fire, he earned a 1.89 ERA over 19 innings while striking out 29 batters in 16 games. The previous season he posted a 3.24 ERA in 25 innings while striking out 35.

► **2019 FGCU:** Heiss spent 2019 with Florida Gulf Coast, struggling with a 10.58 ERA in his 24.2 innings in the ASUN conference.

► **2018 JLCC:** His sophomore year he played for John A. Logan Community College, leading them to a title with a 2.24 ERA and 8-1 record. He pitched 56.1 innings, striking out 80 batters in his time.

► **2017 ARK:** After being drafted in the 31st round of the 2016 MLB Draft by the Chicago Cubs, he decided to go to college and pitched in four games for the Arkansas Razorbacks, allowing two earned runs in five innings of work as a freshman.



#30 Francys Peguero

HT: 6'2 **WT:** 225 lbs **B/T:** R/R

BIRTHPLACE: Hato Mayor del Ray, DR **LAST GAME:** 0.1 IP, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 H, 0 BB, 1 SO vs LIN 7/23

BORN: Oct. 4, 1995

COLLEGE: None

LAST SERIES: DNP @ WIN

Notes: Started three games along with his appearances out of the bullpen

IR/IRS:

1st Batter: 5/13

BAA: .224

► **Overview:** Peguero joins the Explorers after spending 8 years in the Nationals minor league system. Last year, he struggled with the AA squad, pitching in 57.0 innings. He originally signed with the Nationals playing in the Dominican Summer League as a 19-year-old in 2015.

► **2022:** Last season with AA Harrisburg, he pitched to a 4.89 ERA with a 1.23 WHIP across his 35 appearances. It was his longest stint at that level after pitching in two innings the previous season.

► **2019-21:** In 2021, most of his time was with High-A Wilmington where he had a 3.61 ERA in 52.1 IP and 50 strikeouts to 18 walks. He was promoted to High-A after a fantastic year in 2019 when he pitched 91.2 innings at Class-A Hagerstown with a 2.95 ERA and 1.26 WHIP.

► **2018:** He spent the entirety of 2018 with Low-A Auburn after not pitching the year prior. That year, he had a 2.93 ERA over 67.2 IP with only 14 walks.

► **2015-16:** In 2016, he pitched in both rookie ball and Low-A, combining for a 3.42 ERA over 47.1 IP. His first professional season was in 2015 when he played in the Dominican Summer League for the Nationals, going 34.2 innings with a miniscule 1.82 ERA.



#34 Sean Rackoski

HT: 6'7 **WT:** 225 lbs **B/T:** R/R

BIRTHPLACE: Mesa, AZ

LAST GAME: 0.2 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 H, 0 BB, 1 SO @ WIN 7/27

BORN: May 12, 1995

COLLEGE: Kansas

LAST SERIES: 0.2 IP, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 H, 0 BB, 1 SO @ WIN 7/27

Notes: Earned 12 saves as the closer for the X's this season

IR/IRS:

1st Batter: 5/14

BAA: .221

► **Overview:** Rackoski is joining the X's after starting his professional career with the Blue Jays organization. He reached AAA last season and pitched in 38 games between there and AA. He was a pitcher in college for the Kansas Jayhawks before signing with the Blue Jays in 2018.

► **2021-22:** Last year with AAA Buffalo, Rackoski threw seven innings recording a 5.14 ERA with a 1-0 record in his six appearances. He spent more time in AA, pitching in 32 games there and going 5-1 with a 6.69 ERA and 43 strikeouts. He pitched much better at that level the year prior, when he 31 innings with a 4.65 ERA in his 25 appearances.

► **2018-19:** He played 2019 at both High-A and Class-A, pitching 15.2 innings at High-A and 47 innings at the latter. He impressed with a 2.73 ERA across both levels that year and had 67 strikeouts with a 1.09 WHIP. The previous season was his first in professional baseball, playing rookie ball and going 25.2 innings with a 4.21 ERA.

► **2015-17 KAN:** His career at Kansas didn't make headlines, but he had a solid year in his final season. In 2017, he pitched 59.2 innings with a 4.68 ERA, starting in 13 of his 14 appearances. He didn't play for the Jayhawks in 2016 but in 2015 he started 11 games, posting a 6.60 ERA in the biggest role of his career to that point.



#35 Heitor Tokar

HT: 6'6 **WT:** 275 lbs **B/T:** R/R

BIRTHPLACE: Marilia, Brazil

LAST GAME: 5.1 IP, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 H, 2 BB, 5 SO vs LIN 7/22

BORN: July 14, 1998

COLLEGE: None

LAST SERIES: DNP @ WIN

Notes: Has made five starts this season along with his appearances out of the 'pen

IR/IRS:

1st Batter: 5/14

BAA: .262

► **Overview:** Tokar is the youngest player on the team at only 22 years old. He started his career by signing with the Astros and playing in the Dominican Summer League in 2018 as a 17-year-old. He last pitched in High-A last year, struggling with an 8.02 ERA over the season.

► **2021-22:** Last season with High-A Asheville, he threw 76.1 IP with a 1.76 WHIP and 64 K over 20 games and 11 starts. The previous season, he split time between rookie ball and Class-A, working to a 4.50 ERA with a 1.15 WHIP across 52.0 IP.

► **2018-19:** Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tokar played 2019 at the rookie level, throwing 35.0 innings with a 2.83 ERA. He also struck out 29 batters while only walking 11 that year. The previous season was his first as a pro, playing in the Dominican Summer League at 17 years old. He went 43.1 IP with a stellar 1.66 ERA and 0.76 WHIP in his time there.



#9 Franklin Dacosta

HT: 5'11 **WT:** 162 lbs **B/T:** L/L

BIRTHPLACE: Caracas, VZ

LAST GAME: N/A

BORN: Feb. 27, 2000

COLLEGE: None

LAST SERIES: DNP @ WIN

Notes: Joined X's July 20

IR/IRS:

1st Batter: N/A

BAA: N/A

► **Overview:** Reliever Franklin Dacosta joins the Explorers after spending parts of six seasons with the Tampa Rays organization. The native of Caracas, Venezuela reached AAA with the Rays and would split time at three stops in the system this season.

► **2023 TBR:** Dacosta appeared in eight games at AA Montgomery, working eight games in relief with 16 innings and 17 strikeouts with a 7.88 ERA. He would go 0-1 with the Biscuits but notch a pair of saves. At high-A Bowling Green, he added another save in 11.2 innings with nine strikeouts and a 2.31 ERA. Dacosta pitched in one game at AAA Durham, working two innings with a pair of strikeouts with one earned run.

► **2017-22:** In 2022 Dacosta would throw a career high 64 innings between high A and AA. He would strike out 64 and post a 3-3 record with a save. Signed as an international free agent in 2017, Dacosta has a career record of 13-12 with five saves in 264.0 innings. He has struck out 283 in a total of 92 games

X's PITCHING NUMBERS

X's PITCHING STAFF

	W-L	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Starters	19-19	4.42	340.0	300	179	167	146	319	37
Relievers	13-15	4.82	231.2	214	142	124	119	263	26
Total	32-34	4.58	571.2	514	321	291	265	582	63

Length of Start	Team Record by Length	Team Record by Starter	Team Record by Reliever	Quality Starts (#, Team W-L, W-L)
Less than 5 IP	(7-14)	Bates (8-6)	Brosher (11-17)	Bates (8) (6-2) (5-1)
5-5.2 IP	(10-6)	Verburg (3-7)	Gercken (13-16)	Drury (8) (2-6) (2-4)
6-6.2 IP	(4-12)	Drury (6-8)	Rackoski (20-10)	Wetherbee (2)(1-1)(0-0)
7-7.2 IP	(10-1)	Wetherbee (5-2)	Peguero (7-5)	Toplikar (4) (4-0) (3-0)
8-8.2 IP	(1-1)	Peguero (0-2)	Tokar (3-9)	
9.0 IP or more		Valles (0-2)	Diaz (6-12)	
		Greenlees (0-1)	Madero (1-4)	
		Toplikar (6-3)	Hasler (18-9)	
		Tokar (3-2)	Esposito (2-2)	
		Rector (1-0)	Zinn (0-2)	
		Heiss (0-1)	Wetherbee (0-1)	
			Rector (0-1)	
			Heiss (0-3)	

SAVES/HOLDS

PITCHER	HOLDS	SAVES/OPPS	1-R SAVE	2-R SAVE	3-R SAVE	MULTI-INNING SAVE
Rackoski	1	12/15	5/8	4/4	3/3	1/2
Hasler	10	0/4	0/2	0/1		0/1
Gercken	6	0/3	0/2	0/1		0/2
Diaz	3	0/1			0/1	0/1
Brosher	6	1/1	1/1			
Peguero	2	1/1		1/1		1/1
TOTAL	28	14/25	6/13	5/7	3/4	2/7

Catcher Stats

Player	GS	Record	IP	ERA	PB	R	ER	CS	SBA	CS%
Ortega	23	8-15	199.1	5.46	6	138	121	7	36	19.4%
Kelly	5	1-4	48.1	5.96	0	33	32	1	16	6.3%
Gimenez	34	22-12	287.2	3.63	3	128	116	13	58	22.4%
Rando	4	1-3	36.1	5.45	0	22	22	1	10	10.0%
TOTAL	66	32-34	571.2	4.58	9	321	291	22	120	18.3%

X'S BEHIND THE NUMBERS 2023

SEASON HIGHS & LOWS

Number of Days in 1st: 17
Number of Days in 2nd: 4
Number of Days in 3rd: 25
Number of Days in 4th: 28
Number of Days in 5th: 0
Number of Days in 6th: 0
Most games above .500: 7
Most games below .500: 4
Number of Days Above .500: 39 **Below:** 27 **At:** 6
Longest Winning Streak: 8
Longest Winning Streak Home: 9
Longest Winning Streak Road: 3
Longest Losing Streak: 6
Longest Losing Streak Home: 5
Longest Losing Streak Road: 4
Longest Series Win Streak: 3
Longest Series Win Streak Home: 3
Longest Series Win Streak Road: 2
Longest Series Losing Streak: 4
Longest Series Losing Streak Home: 2
Longest Series Losing Streak Road: 3
Largest Margin of Victory: 11 vs LIN 5/27
Largest Margin of Defeat: 12 @ CLE 5/30
Largest Come-From-Behind Win:
Largest Come-From-Behind Loss:
Longest Rain Delay: 0:54 @ LIN 6/16
Most Errors Game Team:
Most Errors One Game:
Most DP Turned Game: 3 vs CLE G1 7/8
Most DP Against Game: 3 x2 @ KCO 5/20, 7/16 @ FM

Miscellaneous Occurrences

Back-to-Back Homers: 1 (7/10 @ LC)
Back-to-Back Allowed:
Complete Game: 2 (Bates, 7/5 vs WIN G1)
 (Toplikar, 7/8 vs CLE G2)
Complete Game Against: N/A
Shutout Wins: 5/13 vs KC G2, 6/25 @ FM,
 7/5 vs WIN G2, 7/8 vs CLE G1
Shutout Losses: N/A
Complete Game Shutout: 1 (Bates, 7/5 vs
 WIN G1)
Complete Game Shutout Against: N/A
No Hitter: N/A
Multi-homer Games: 4 (Harris 5/27 vs LIN)
 (Lloyd x2, 6/1 @ CLE, 7/16 @ FM) (Kasser
 7/14 @ FM)
Multi-homer Games Against: 1
Grand Slam Allowed: 1
Grand Slams Hit: 2
5+ RBI Games: 2 (Fernandez, 5/13 vs KC)
 (Lloyd, 5/23 @ SF)
Inside-the-park HR: N/A

Records By Opponent

Opponent	Overall	Home	Away
LIN	3-10	2-5	1-5
FM	4-2	0-0	4-2
KC	5-1	3-0	2-1
SF	5-4	4-2	1-2
WIN	3-3	3-0	0-3
GAR	1-2	1-2	0-0
MKE	0-3	0-0	0-3
LC	3-3	2-1	1-2
KCO	3-3	0-3	3-0
CHI	0-0	0-0	0-0
CLE	5-3	4-0	1-3
Totals	32-34	19-13	13-21

Attendance/Times

Largest Home Crowd: 3,348 vs WIN 7/3
Smallest Home Crowd: 530 vs KC 5/14
Largest Road Crowd: 8,298 @ LIN 6/30
Smallest Road Crowd: 671 @ SF 5/23
Avg. Time of Game: 2:44
Longest Home Game (Innings): 12 vs KCO 6/3
Longest 9-inning Home Game (Time): 3:19 vs KCO 6/4
Longest Extra Inning Game (Time): 3:54 vs LIN 5/26
Shortest 9-inning Home Game: 2:03 vs WIN 7/3
Shortest Home Game (Weather): N/A
Longest 9-inning Road Game: 3:35 @ KCO 5/21
Longest Extra Inning Home Game (Innings): 12 vs KCO 6/3
Longest Extra Inning Road Game (Innings): 10 x2 (5/20 @ KCO)
 (5/29 @ CLE)
Longest Extra Inning Home (Time): 3:54 vs LIN 5/26
Longest Extra Inning Road (Time): 3:35 @ KCO 5/20
Shortest 9-inning Road Game: 2:12 @ FM 7/15
Shortest 7-inning Home Game: 1:41 (WIN G1 7/5, WIN G2 7/5)
Shortest 7-inning Road Game: 2:00 (@FM G1 6/24)
Rainouts: 4
Delays: 3
Longest Delay: 0:54 @ LIN 6/16
Suspended Games: N/A
Ejection: 8 (Steve Montgomery x3, vs KCO, 6/6 vs SF, 6/18 @ LIN)
 (Bobby Post x2, 6/6 vs SF, 7/2 @ LIN) (Solomon Bates, 6/14 vs GAR)
 (Delvin Zinn, 6/18 @ LIN) (Rando, 7/22 vs LIN)

2023 SCHEDULE RESULT

Date	Time	Opponent	Score	Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Save	Att.	Record	Streak	+/- .500
5/13	2:16	KC	10-1	Bates (1-0)	Singer (0-1)			1-0	+1	+1
5/13	2:00	KC	7-0	Verburg (1-0)	Miller (0-1)		1,306	2-0	+2	+2
5/14	2:33	KC	2-1 (10)	Rackoski (1-0)	Sanabria (0-1)		530	3-0	+3	+3
5/16	2:42	LC	3-1	Hasler (1-0)	Santa Cruz (0-1)	Rackoski (1)	554	4-0	+4	+4
5/17	3:03	LC	14-6	Portorreal (1-0)	Valles (0-1)		1,780	4-1	-1	+3
5/18	2:34	LC	2-1	Rackoski (2-0)	Hartman (0-1)		647	5-1	+1	+4
5/19	2:42	@KCO	4-2	Brosher (1-0)	Van Scoyoc (1-1)	Peguero (1)	7,113	6-1	+2	+5
5/20	3:00	@KCO	3-2 (10)	Rackoski (3-0)	Nissen (0-1)		8,267	7-1	+3	+6
5/21	3:35	@KCO	7-4	Wetherbee (1-0)	Westphal (0-1)		6,195	8-1	+4	+7
5/22	2:47	@SF	4-3	Lebron (1-0)	Valles (0-2)	Hasty (1)	803	8-2	-1	+6
5/23	2:47	@SF	17-7	Bates (2-0)	Culbreth (0-2)		671	9-2	+1	+7
5/24	2:50	@SF	3-2 (10)	Barnett (1-0)	Rackoski (3-1)		944	9-3	-1	+6
5/26	3:54	LIN	10-9 (11)	Freure (2-0)	Tokar (0-1)	Cronin (2)	1,183	9-4	-2	+5
5/27	3:11	LIN	16-5	Wetherbee (2-0)	Brown (0-3)		1,205	10-4	+1	+6
5/28	2:44	LIN	4-3	Keenan (1-0)	Bates (2-1)	Moore (1)	1,223	10-5	-1	+5
5/29	2:59	@CLE	6-4(10)	Shaw (1-0)	Rackoski (3-2)		1,150	10-6	-2	+4
5/30	3:06	@CLE	15-3	Hilton (1-1)	Greenlees (0-1)		1,007	10-7	-3	+3
5/31	3:04	@CLE	13-7	Bullard (2-0)	Drury (0-1)		1,057	10-8	-4	+2
6/1	3:07	@CLE	6-5	Rackoski (4-1)	Corbett (0-1)	Brosher (1)	1,327	11-8	+1	+3
6/2	2:18	KCO	3-2	Eldred (1-1)	Bates (2-2)	Bies (3)	1,007	11-9	-1	+2
6/3	3:22	KCO	7-5(12)	Carter (1-0)	Diaz (0-1)		1,536	11-10	-2	+1
6/4	3:19	KCO	8-7	Van Scoyoc (3-1)	Brosher (1-1)	Reeves (1)	827	11-11	-3	even
6/6	2:53	SF	5-4	Stover (1-0)	Diaz (0-2)	Hasty (4)	686	11-12	-4	-1
6/7	3:13	SF	12-9	Brosher (2-1)	Lebron (1-1)	Rackoski (2)	671	12-12	+1	even
6/8	2:52	SF	5-1	Bates (3-2)	Walters (0-1)		858	13-12	+2	+1
6/9	2:44	@MKE	5-2	Young (3-2)	Peguero (0-1)	Hadley (7)	1,737	13-13	-1	even
6/10	2:40	@MKE	6-5	Reynolds (1-1)	Gercken (0-1)		2,177	13-14	-2	-1
6/11	2:33	@MKE	4-1	Mora (2-0)	Drury (0-2)	Hadley (8)	1,394	13-15	-3	-2
6/13	2:45	GAR	5-4	Eisenbarger (2-1)	Gercken (0-2)	Wilkinson (3)	2,454	13-16	-4	-3
6/14	3:18	GAR	9-6	Vivas (3-2)	Bates (3-3)	Wilkinson (4)	761	13-17	-5	-4
6/15	2:29	GAR	6-3	Tokar (1-1)	Cuello (1-3)	Rackoski (3)	1,027	14-17	+1	-3
6/16	2:41	@LIN	8-1	Gercken (1-2)	Aris (2-1)		4,424	15-17	+2	-2
6/17	3:12	@LIN	5-4	Moore (3-0)	Rackoski (4-3)		6,023	15-18	-1	-3
6/18	3:16	@LIN	6-4	Bezdicek (2-2)	Wetherbee (2-1)	Cronin (3)	2,352	15-19	-2	-4
6/20	2:27	@KC	5-2	Bates (4-3)	Finnegan (2-1)	Rackoski (4)	1,440	16-19	+1	-3
6/21	2:46	@KC	6-3	Martinson (3-1)	Gercken (1-3)	Weigel (3)	2,764	16-20	-1	-4
6/22	2:21	@KC	8-1	Toplikar (1-0)	Miller (4-2)		2,229	17-20	+1	-3
6/24	2:00	@F-M	2-1	Riley (2-2)	Hasler (1-1)			17-21	-1	-4
6/24	2:20	@F-M	8-1	Tokar (2-1)	Alexander (0-1)		3,083	18-21	+1	-3
6/25	2:46	@F-M	2-0	Bates (5-3)	McGovern (5-2)	Rackoski (5)	2,396	19-21	+2	-2
6/27	2:43	SF	5-1	Verburg (2-0)	Lang (2-4)		817	20-21	+3	-1
6/28	2:47	SF	10-7	Culbreth (2-4)	Toplikar (1-1)		758	20-22	-1	-2
6/29	2:54	SF	9-8	Hasler (2-1)	Thomas (0-1)	Rackoski (6)	1,004	21-22	+1	-1
6/30	2:20	@LIN	6-1	Holmberg (1-0)	Bates (5-4)		8,298	21-23	-1	-2
7/1	2:54	@LIN	6-4	Hope (3-1)	Hasler (2-2)	Cronin (4)	2,585	21-24	-2	-3
7/2	2:51	@LIN	12-1	Keenan (3-1)	Verburg (2-1)		2,371	21-25	-3	-4
7/3	2:03	WIN	2-1	Hasler (3-2)	Martinez (4-3)	Rackoski (7)	3,348	22-25	+1	-3
7/5	1:41	WIN	3-2 (7)	Drury (1-2)	Bourassa (3-4)	Racksoki (8)		23-25	+2	-2
7/5	1:41	WIN	5-0 (7)	Bates (6-4)	Matulovich (1-5)		859	24-25	+3	-1
7/6	2:54	CLE	6-5	Peguero (1-1)	Ausua (2-1)	Rackoski (9)	984	25-25	+4	even
7/8	2:05	CLE	1-0	Brosher (3-1)	Kalich (2-2)	Rackoski (10)		26-25	+5	+1
7/8	1:56	CLE	4-1	Toplikar (2-1)	Bullard (5-2)		2,649	27-25	+6	+2
7/9	2:52	CLE	8-7	Hasler (4-2)	Gardewine (2-1)		948	28-25	+7	+3
7/10	2:32	@LC	8-3	Bates (7-4)	Shawaryn (4-5)		1,177	29-25	+8	+4
7/11	3:10	@LC	10-6	Portorreal (2-0)	Diaz (0-3)		1,553	29-26	-1	+3
7/12	2:49	@LC	7-6	Voight (4-1)	Heiss (0-1)	Torres (7)	1,360	19-27	-2	+2
7/14	2:50	@FM	8-5	Toplikar (3-1)	Dykhoff (3-4)	Rackoski (11)	3,608	30-27	+1	+3
7/15	2:12	@FM	7-2	Grauer (5-1)	Bates (7-5)		3,141	30-28	-1	+2
7/16	2:43	@FM	7-2	Drury (2-2)	Alexander (0-4)		2,767	31-28	+1	+3

7/20	2:24	LIN	4-2	Toplikar (4-1)	Roeder (3-6)	Rackoski (12)	1,470	32-28	+2	+4
7/21	2:52	LIN	3-2	Conn (1-0)	Drury (2-3)	Hope (3)	1,209	32-29	-1	+3
7/22	2:41	LIN	7-1	Holmberg (3-0)	Verburg (2-2)		1,066	32-30	-2	+2
7/23	3:01	LIN	7-6 (10)	Conn (2-0)	Rackoski (4-4)		990	32-31	-3	+1
7/25	3:01	@WIN	9-8	Seabrooke (5-4)	Toplikar (4-2)	Adames (8)	3,622	32-32	-4	even
7/26	2:26	@WIN	10-3	Bourassa (5-5)	Drury (2-4)	Jandron (1)	2,980	32-33	-5	-1
7/27	2:33	@WIN	3-2	Ramirez (5-4)	Verburg (2-3)	Adames (9)	3,344	32-34	-6	-2

WEEKLY AWARDS

Week Ending July 16 Batter of the Week: IF/OF Matt Lloyd
 Week Ending July 9 Pitcher of the Week: RHP Trenton Toplikar
 Week Ending July 2 Batter of the Week: IF Miguel Sierra
 Week Ending June 25 RHP Solomon Bates
 Week Ending May 28 Batter of the Week: IF Matt Lloyd
 Week Ending May 21 Pitcher of the Week: RHP Solomon Bates
 Week Ending May 14 RHP Mitch Verburg

2023 TRANSACTIONS LIST

May 23: Release **RHP Jesus Valles**
May 27: Acquired **INF Delvin Zinn** from Milwaukee for a player to be named later.
May 29: Signed **LHP Stephen Greenlees**
May 31: Released **LHP Stephen Greenlees**
May 31: Signed **LHP Carlos Diaz**
June 2: Released **LHP Mike Esposito**
June 4: Released **OF Eury Perez**
June 6: Signed **C Tyler Rando** and **RHP Luis Madero**
June 9: Placed **INF Matt Lloyd** and **OF Jake Sanford** on the Inactive List
June 10: Signed **RHP Trenton Toplikar**
June 15: Signed **INF John Nogowski**
June 16: Placed **RHP Mitchell Verburg** on the Injured List retroactive to June 5
June 21: Activated **RHP Mitchell Verburg** off the Injured List.
June 22: Placed **RHP Francys Peguero** on the Injured List.
June 24: Placed **INF Kyle Kasser** on Injured list; activated **INF Matt Lloyd** and **OF Jake Sanford** from the Inactive List
June 28: Placed **C Tyler Rando** on Injured list; activated **RHP Francys Peguero** of the injured list.
June 30: Released **RHP Luis Madero**
July 4: Claimed **RHP Brenden Heiss** off waivers from Chicago.
July 5: Transferred the contract of **INF John Nogowski** to Monclova (Mexican League)
July 6: Signed **RHP Paul Rector**
July 7: Activated **INF Kyle Kasser** and **C Tyler Rando** from the Injured List ; Placed **LHP Jared Wetherbee** on the Inactive List retroactive to July 3; Placed **RHP Mitchell Verburg** on the Injured List retroactive to July 3.
July 20: Signed **OF Scott Ota** and **LHP Franklin Dacosta**; released **RHP Sean Rector** and announced **C/OF Jack Kelly retired**.
July 22: Activated **RHP Mitchell Verburg** off the Injured List.
July 28: Placed **RHP Kent Hasler** on the Injured List retroactive to July 16.